CITY HALL III

On August 2, 1892, the plan for a new Carbondale City Hall that was drawn up by the Binghamton architect, Truman I. Lacey, was accepted by the Common Council and the Select Council, meeting in joint session. Immediately thereafter, City Engineer Frick notified Lacey of the acceptance by Carbondale's legislators of his proposed plan for a new city hall. On August 4, 1892, Lacey arrived in Carbondale to confer with the public building committee as to the work to be done.

On September 12, 1892, the contract for the construction of the three-story wing and the tower of Carbondale's third City Hall was awarded to W. D. Stevens of Binghamton. Also bidding for that contract were George H. Tryon and P. Byrne & Co., both of Carbondale. W. D. Stevens subsequently contracted with Frank Carlucci of Scranton to supply the dressed bluestone and trimmings for the new building from his quarry at Nicholson.

On September 15, 1892, City Engineer Frick placed the ground stakes that formed the outline of the three-story wing and the tower. A great stone was removed from in front of the 1860 building, four shade trees were cut down, and the fence in front of the 1860 building was removed. On September 16, 1892, W. D. Stevens broke ground for the foundation of the three-story wing and the tower. On September 30, 1892, the first stone of the foundation was laid in a corner of the tower.

Work on the three-story wing and the tower progressed rapidly, and both were under roof by the spring of 1893. On March 29, 1893, at the close of business, Postmaster Yarrington had the post office furniture moved into the new post office on the ground floor of the three-story wing (where the Police Department is now located).

The contractor who, in 1894, executed Lacey's design for the new interior and the new roof on the old City Hall and who joined its eastern side to the three-story wing, at a cost of $3,500, was George H. Tryon of Carbondale. Tryon was engaged by Lacey to do this work when W. D. Stevens, the contractor who erected the three-story wing and the tower, ceased work on his contract in the fall of 1893.

The 1860 City Hall had two stories. Lacey's design for the 1892-1894 City Hall called for the addition of a third story to the old City Hall. In accordance with Lacey's plan, construction on the proposed third story was begun in late 1893. When the city budget for 1894 was drawn up, however, no funds were allocated for the completion of the third story on the old City Hall. As a result, construction on the third story was halted. The partially-built third